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1 — Watchdog investigating EPA and toxic mine spill in Colorado, Albuquerque Journal, 8/17/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/629747/news-around-the-region/watchdog-investigating-epa-and-toxic-mine-spill-in-colorado.html>

The inspector general for the Environmental Protection Agency is investigating the cause of a massive spill from an abandoned Colorado gold mine that unleashed 3 million gallons of contaminated wastewater into rivers that supply water to at least three states.

2 — Navajo farmers, ranchers still waiting, but other growers resume irrigating, Albuquerque Journal, 8/16/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/629555/news/navajo-farmers-ranchers-still-waiting-but-other-growers-resume-irrigating.html>

As many local growers drew irrigation water from their ditches Saturday for the first time since a plume of acid mine waste flowed through the area a week ago, farmers and ranchers in Navajo Nation were still waiting for more test results to show that San Juan River water on the reservation is safe for drinking, watering fields, livestock consumption and other uses.

3 — Navajo farmers concerned about quality of delivered water after spill, USA Today, 8/18/2015

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/08/18/navajo-farmers-concerned-quality-delivered-water-after-spill/31895815/>

The Environmental Protection Agency was investigating an old mine near Silverton, Colo., earlier this month, when it accidentally released 3 million gallons of toxic waste water into the Animas River.

4 — Navajo Nation Farmers Feel The Weight Of Colorado Mine Spill, Texas Public Radio, 8/17/2015

<http://tpr.org/post/navajo-nation-farmers-feel-weight-colorado-mine-spill>

Explosions and a fire that rocked an oilfield drilling chemical company Friday apparently caused no injuries and by evening as the flames were extinguished investigators began to figure out what caused the disaster.

5 — Severn Trent assessed biggest environmental fine in state history, Oklahoma Journal Record, 8/18/2015

<http://journalrecord.com/2015/08/13/big-splash-deq-levies-3-1m-fine-for-water-violations-in-hugo-general-news/>

Severn Trent Services is facing the biggest environmental fine ever levied in Oklahoma for failing to meet minimum chlorine standards. The company's operations potentially put 8,123 Hugo-area residents at risk of drinking unsafe water for 317 days over two years, an Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality investigation found.

6 — Obama's Clean Power Plan: Oklahoma Officials Attack, Utilities on Path to Comply, NPR StateImpact, 8/16/2015

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/2015/08/17/obamas-clean-power-plan-oklahoma-officials-attack-utilities-on-path-to-comply/>

Even before the Obama Administration's Clean Power Plan was finalized, politicians in Oklahoma were already fighting it in the court of public opinion, and in real court, too. And Gov. Mary Fallin has vowed that Oklahoma will not submit a state compliance plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

7 – Uranium Concentrations in two Major U.S. Aquifers Exceeds EPA Regulations, Nature World News, 8/17/2015

<http://www.natureworldnews.com/articles/16100/20150817/uranium-contamination-two-major-u-s-aquifers-exceeds-epa-regualtions.htm>

A recent study concluded that the High Plains and Central Valley aquifers exceed the uranium contamination guidelines set by the Environmental Protection Agency and endanger roughly two million people that live above or near these water sources.

8 — Alliance filing says hog farm violates permit, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 8/15/2015

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/aug/14/alliance-filing-says-hog-farm-violates--1/>

The Buffalo River Watershed Alliance has filed a formal complaint with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, alleging that C&H Hog Farms in Mount Judea has violated the terms of its permit.

9 — Baton Rouge Planning Commission recommends rezoning to keep out controversial barge cleaning operation, Baton Rouge Advocate, 8/18/2015

<http://theadvocate.com/news/13203739-123/baton-rouge-planning-commission-recommends>

Baton Rouge leaders are just a step away from thwarting a barge cleaning company's plans to open shop on the Mississippi River, near residential neighborhoods and down the road from LSU.

10 — Mystery, suspense and Fort Smith finances (opinion), Fort Smith (AR) City Wire, 8/16/2015

<http://www.thecitywire.com/node/38553#.VdMzMs9VhHw>

I spent this past Sunday afternoon reading a mystery. It wasn't Agatha Christie. It was the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended Dec. 31, 2014 and the unaudited second quarter financial report for the six months ended June 30, 2015.

11 — Scalise: Toxic spill into river indicates EPA has lost its way (opinion), Ripon (LA) Advance, 8/14/2015

<http://riponadvance.com/stories/510633584-scalise-toxic-spill-into-river-indicates-epa-has-lost-its-way>

The EPA is supposed to help prevent environmental catastrophes, not cause them, but sadly, President Obama's EPA has been too busy threatening American jobs with radical regulations instead of focusing on what should be their core mission.

12 — EPA methane rules expected today, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 8/14/2015

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/aug/18/epa-emission-rules-expected-today-20150/>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will announce today proposed regulations to curb emissions from the nation's oil and natural gas industry, according to the American Petroleum Institute's regulatory chief.

13 — Listen to PRI's The World interview with Mark Schleifstein on Katrina anniversary, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 8/17/2015

http://www.nola.com/katrina/index.ssf/2015/08/pri_the_world_interviews_nola.html#incart_river

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